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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed July 6, 2007, applicants elect Group I. Applicants traverse the restriction requirement on the grounds that it was improperly done. For example, only claims 1-34 are pending, as indicated on the Office Action Summary, yet the restriction requirement purports to address nonexistent claims 35-36 and 39-42. Additionally, claims 19-22 and 26-33 are identified as belonging to multiple groups. Furthermore, Group V, identified by the action as drawn to "a method for modulating the transcriptional activity," does not appear to relate to the subject matter recited in any of the pending claims.

Applicants suggest the following alternative restriction:

Group I, claims 1-13, drawn to methods of screening for agonistic antibodies.

Group II, claims 14-28, drawn to methods of screening for agonist multispecific antibodies.

Group III, claims 29, drawn to methods for producing agonistic antibodies.

Group IV, claims 30-33, drawn to cells that expresses the antibodies.

Group V, claim 34, drawn to multispecific agonistic antibodies.

Should the examiner agree with applicants' suggested restriction, applicants would maintain the election of Group I, and would withdraw the traversal.

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